

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**IN RE: NATIONAL COLLEGIATE  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STUDENT-  
ATHLETE CONCUSSION INJURY  
LITIGATION-SINGLE SPORT/SINGLE  
SCHOOL (FOOTBALL)**

**MDL No. 2492**

**Master Docket No. 1:16-cv-08727**

**This Document Relates Only to:  
Case No. 1:16-cv-09980 (Richardson)  
Case No. 1:17-cv-01402 (Rose)  
Case No. 1:17-cv-04975 (Weston)  
Case No. 1:17-cv-04978 (Langston)**

**Judge John Z. Lee**

**Magistrate Judge M. David Weisman**

**JOINT MOTION FOR ENTRY OF SCHEDULING AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ORDER FOR SAMPLE CASES**

Plaintiffs Kerry Bonds, et al. (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendants National Collegiate Athletic Association, et al. (“Defendants,” and collectively with Plaintiffs, the “Parties”), through their counsel, jointly and respectfully submit this Joint Motion For Entry Of Scheduling And Administrative Procedures Order For Sample Cases. In support of this motion, the Parties state:

1. On August 24, 2017, the Court ordered the Parties to file by October 16, 2017 a motion with a proposed schedule for the four (4) sample cases. See Minute Entry (Dkt. #236).
2. On September 5, 2017, the Parties achieved a consensus on four (4) sample cases and thus avoided having to rotate sample case selections, as initially contemplated. See May 3, 2017 Minute Entry (Dkt. #176).
3. On September 29, 2017, the Parties filed with the Court their Notice of Sample Case Selections, which provided a description of the four (4) sample cases and an explanation of how they are representative. See Notice of Sample Case Selections (Dkt. #249).

4. The Parties are pleased to report they have also reached agreement on a proposed schedule and on certain clarifying administrative and filing procedures.

5. The Parties have agreed to maintain the schedule set forth in the Court's November 30, 2016 Case Management Schedule (Dkt. #91) but modified the schedule to reflect the recent selection of sample cases. Accordingly, the Parties request that the Court enter the schedule outlined below for each of the four (4) sample cases:

Event	Deadline
Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) Disclosures	45 days following the entry of a scheduling order by the Court
Defendants in each sample case to answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint in such sample case <sup>1</sup>	45 days following the entry of a scheduling order by the Court
Joinder of additional parties	3 months after rulings by the Court on any motion filed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12
Amendment of pleadings	3 months after rulings by the Court on motions filed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 unless another deadline is set by the Court based on rulings on such motions

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<sup>1</sup> As specified in the Case Management Schedule and Order on the Preservation of Defenses, cases not selected as sample cases shall remain stayed while the sample cases proceed on the foregoing schedule. See Case Mgmt. Schedule (Dkt. #91) at ¶ III(F); Order on the Preservation of Defenses (Dkt. #238) at ¶¶ 3-4. Moreover, the Parties have stipulated and agreed that the Parties in the non-sample cases do not waive and expressly preserve all available rights, arguments, claims and defenses (including but not limited to those with respect to venue, personal jurisdiction and any argument falling under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6)). See Case Mgmt. Schedule (Dkt. #91) at ¶ III(F); Order on the Preservation of Defenses (Dkt. #238) at ¶ 5. As specified in the Court's Order on the Preservation of Defenses, the time for Defendants in the cases not selected as sample cases to file any third-party claims is also extended until further order of the Court, and any applicable statutes of limitations for filing third-party claims, including contribution claims, are expressly tolled until further order of the Court. See Order on the Preservation of Defenses (Dkt. #238) at ¶ 6.

Event	Deadline
Completion of fact discovery on issues relating to class certification	12 months after rulings on motions filed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 <sup>2</sup>
Plaintiffs' expert report(s) in support of motion(s) for class certification	30 days after close of fact discovery
Plaintiffs' motion(s) for class certification	60 days after close of fact discovery
Defendants to depose Plaintiffs' expert(s)	45 days after service of Plaintiffs' expert report(s)
Defendants' responses in opposition to Plaintiffs' motion(s) for class certification	90 days after service of Plaintiffs' motion(s) for class certification
Defendants' expert report(s) in opposition to Plaintiffs' motion(s) for class certification	60 days after filing of Plaintiffs' motion(s) for class certification
Plaintiffs to depose Defendants' expert(s)	45 days after service of Defendants' expert report(s)
Plaintiffs' replies in support of motion for class certification	90 days after filing of Defendants' response(s) in opposition to motion(s) for class certification
Parties' joint status report regarding appropriate next steps in the litigation	30 days after ruling on motion(s) for class certification

6. The Parties have also agreed to the following procedures with respect to the administration of the four sample cases and request the Court to order that:

- a. Pleadings in each of the four sample cases be filed in (i) each specific individual case (Case No. 1:17-cv-04975, Case No. 1:17-cv-04798, Case No. 1:16-cv-

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<sup>2</sup> As agreed to by the Parties and as specified in the Case Management Schedule, discovery shall be stayed in each sample case until a ruling by the Court on any motion filed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 is issued for that specific case (e.g., if a Rule 12 motion is filed in two (2) sample cases but not in the other two (2), discovery can proceed in the two (2) cases in which motions were not filed). See Case Mgmt. Schedule (Dkt. #91) at ¶ III(D). Notwithstanding their agreement to stay discovery pending disposition of any Rule 12 motions, to the extent any Rule 12 motion goes beyond the legal sufficiency of the complaints and relies – to any extent – on extrinsic matters, then Plaintiffs reserve the right to seek discovery in order to respond to any such motions or arguments. If Plaintiffs determine that discovery is needed to fully respond to any such motion, then Plaintiffs will first meet and confer with Defendants to resolve the issue before seeking intervention from the Court, and Defendants respectfully reserve the right to oppose any such request for discovery, as appropriate.

09980 and Case No. 1:17-cv-01402) and (ii) in the master docket (Case No. 1:16-cv-08727), so that all parties will receive electronic case filing notices and may monitor the progress of the cases;

b. Case Management Order No. 6 (Dkt. #225) be modified to authorize counsel of record in each of the four sample cases to make filings in the master docket, as specified in the prior paragraph; and

c. Counsel of record in each of the four sample cases shall confer with respect to and make good faith efforts to coordinate any common discovery in the four sample cases.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Court enter the proposed schedule outlined above. The Parties further request whatever other relief the Court deems appropriate.

Dated: October 16, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Mark S. Mester, certify that on October 16, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Joint Motion for Entry of Scheduling and Administrative Procedures Order for Sample Cases was filed through the CM/ECF system, which caused notice to be sent to all counsel of record.

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